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- (a) To apply for a subsidy on behalf of an eligible child, an individual who is a prospective adoptive parent of the eligible child shall file an application for a subsidy with the local department.
- (b) (1) The director of the local department shall append to the application evidence of inability, after all reasonable efforts, to place the eligible child, without a subsidy, with an appropriate adoptive parent because of the special circumstances.
- (2) If the director of the local department determines that the eligible child has established emotional ties with a prospective adoptive parent who is the child's foster parent, evidence of efforts to place the child with another prospective adoptive parent is not required.

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